Non-availability of NCERT books

2457. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to provide NCERT books to school students, though the Supreme Court has given a final verdict in this matter;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce the new course from the next academic session, in view of the very short period remaining for the closure of this present session; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The NCERT has brought out the textbooks in all the subjects for all classes including the textbooks in Social Science, Hindi and History, the release of which had earlier been stayed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(c) and (d) As the NCERT has released all the textbooks, the question does not arise.

Inspection of schools by CBSE in Chhattisgarh

†2458. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The schools in Chhattisgarh, subjected to inspection by the Inspection Board of Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) the shortcomings found therein;

(c) the time-period allowed to remove these shortcomings; and

(d) the details of schools which have removed these shortcomings in the 2002-03 academic session?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) As

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

per the information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the number of applications received from the schools located in the Chhattisgarh State subjected to inspection for grant of affiliation is given below:

Academic Year	No. of applications received	Granted	Rejected	Pending
2001-02	07	04	03	-
2002-03	03	02	-	01
2003-04	09	-	02	07

(b) The deficiencies are, inadequate infrastructure, untrained teaching staff, non-payment of prescribed pay and allowances, non-fulfilment of land requirement and non-submission of No. Objection Certificate from the State.

(c) The concerned schools are given sufficient time to rectify the deficiencies and fulfil the condition prescribed in Affiliation Bye-Laws of the Board.

(d) Out of three applications registered for affiliation, two schools have already been granted affiliation and in one case, inspection committee has been constituted to determine the suitability of the schools for grant of affiliation.

Mid-day Meal Scheme

2459. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the students, eligible to get mid-day meal in schools, are getting this benefit;

(b) if not, what is the number of children not getting the benefit and in which State; and

(c) how much is the quantum of cereals to be given to each State, for providing mid-day meal to students?